(a) whether Kolkata Port Trust sustained huge revenue losses during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and factors responsible for such huge revenue losses;

(c) whether Government has fixed responsibility in such revenue losses;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure that such revenue losses may not be held in Kolkata Port Trust?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir. Kolkata Port Trust has earned a net profit before tax of Rs. 270.65 crore and Rs. 465.11 crore during 2005-06 and 2006-07, respectively.

(b) to (e) In view of reply to (a) above, do not arise.

Construction of express highways in Orissa and Jharkhand

2741. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to construct high-speed express highways and scrap six-laning of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of express highways that are proposed to be constructed in Orissa and Jharkhand under this project; and

(d) the details of highways which have since been four-laned in Orissa and Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) At present Government has no plan to scrap six-laning of National Highways. Government has approved an aggregate length of 6,500 km. (comprising Golden Quadrilateral and some other stretches of National Highways) under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-V. Besides, Government has also approved construction of 1,000 km. of high speed expressways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-VI.

(c) There is no project of expressway in the State of Orissa under NHDP Phase-VI. The corridor of Dhanbad to Kolkata is one of the identified corridors for expressway under NHDP Phase-VI. Some stretch of this corridor falls under Jharkhand State.

(d) The details of highways which have since been four-laned in Orissa and Jharkhand States are given at the Statement.

Statement

Details of highways which have since been four-laned in Orissa and Jharkhand

(Status as on Feb. 29, 2008)

Sl. No.	Contracts Stretch	NH	Length in State in km.	Total Project Cost Funding Rs. in crore	Status	Completion Date/ Antici. Compl. Date
Orissa						
On GQ						
1	Laxmannath-Baleshwar (OR-4) km 0—km 53.41	60	53.41	272.00 NHAI	4 Laned	May-2007
2.	Bridges Section (OR/WB-I) km 0—km 119.275 Kharagpur-Baleshwar	60	0.00	80.00 NHAI	4 Laned	Aug-2007
3.	Balasore-Bhadrak (OR-III) km 136.5—km 199.141	5	62.64	227.25 NHAI	Contract Terminated	
4	Bhadrak-Chandikhole (OR-II) km 61—km 136	5	75.50	305.30 NHAI	4 Laned	May-2005
5.	Bridges Section (OR-V) km 199.141—km 61 Balasore-Chandikhole	5	11.59	155.00 NHAI	Under Implementation 98% completed	Apr-2008
6.	Chandikhole-Jagatpur km 28—km 61	5	27.80	103.35 JBIC	4 Laned	Jan-2003
7.	Jagatpur-Bhubneshwar km 0—km 28	5	28.00	WB	4 Laned	Dec-2000
8.	Bhubaneswar-Khurda (OR-I) km 387.7—km 418	5	26.30	140.85 NHAI	Under Implementation 39.5% completed	Dec.-2009
9.	Khurda-Sunakhala (OR-VI) km 388—km 338	5	52.06	189.68 NHAI	4 Laned	Mar.-2006
10.	Ganjam-Icchapuram (OR-VIII) km 284—km 233	5	50.80	263.27 NHAI	Under Implementation 14.7% complete	Nov.-2008
On Port Connectivity						
1.	Paradip Port NH-5A (from km 0—km 77) Road Connectivity to Major Ports Phase II	5A	77.00	428.00 SPV	Under Implementation 80% complete	May-2008
Jharkhand						
On GQ						
1.	Barachatti-Gorhar (GTRIP/V-B) km 240—km 320	2	70.00	452.71 WB	4 laned	July-2008
2.	Gorhar-Barwa Adda (TNHP/V-C) km 320—km 398.75	2	78.75	399.75 WB	Under Implementation 77.59% complete	Sep-2008
3.	Barwa Adda-Barakar km 398.75—km 442	2	43.00	120.00 ADB	4 laned	Dec.-2001